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Dear Harold,

I'm delighted to hear from you, as no one else has responded to my inquiry for charter members. I don't assume a thing about charter members, and your desire not to be one is duly noted!

Basically, Louis Stokes asked the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. to start their investigations over again. I don't think that the C.I.A. will do much at all, but it is possible that the F.B.I. will get off of their duffs? If so, then no matter what anyone thinks of the Stokes committee hearings, something will be accomplished.

The Stokes commission did accomplish a lot, however. Before it met in 1979 we did not know for sure that J. F. Kennedy had been killed by someone on the grassy knoll. It was only a working hypothesis. Now, it's a fact! We still don't know who it is and until we do we can't really say a thing about conspiracy! Oswald's connections may (or may not) be identical with those of our Mr. X! Mr. X is the key though to any conspiracy hypothesis that may yet be entertained. (And it established the incompetency of the F.B.I., re. King.)

It was premature of Mr. Blakey to suggest on McNeill-Lerher that all C.I.A. involvement has been disproven. At least he admits that my inquiry to Mike Mansfield (and Frank Church) got the U.S. Congress to set up the Downing committee. This led to the absurd Gonzales committee. And the reasonably competent (and partially successful) Stokes committee!

I have a friend in amateur astronomy in Nottingham, named Alan Heath, Esq. Alan does not like theories in science, and agrees with you as I do, that nothing is proven or disproven about the various governments that may (or may not) be implicated in the assassination of J. F. Kennedy. (Viz., Cuba, Russia, and the U.S.A.) It was wrong, in my estimation, for the Stokes committee to assume that the failure of the F.B.I. to fully investigate the assassination in Dallas, is nothing more than incompetence! Quite frankly, it is not tantamount to complicity! It looks like complicity in the King case, however!

If you want to change your mind, then let me know.

Very sincerely,

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